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WHAT SHALL I DO?

Follow Your Bent," Says President Andrews of Brown University.

Beginning in the February number of "The Cosmopolitan" we have a series of articles entitled "The Selection of One's Life Work," the first of which is written by President Andrews of Brown University. Other articles on the various professions by able writers will appear in the subsequent numbers. For the benefit of our readers who have not yet decided upon their professions or life work we will print a synopsis of these articles in the "Orange and Blue" each month.

President Andrews opens up this subject by taking a general survey of the professional world leaving the individual professions to be treated by each subsequent writer in his turn. In substance he says:

"Is it not inexpressibly sad that thousands of human lives should be rendered useless and unhappy because they have from some cause chosen the wrong profession as their life work? The choice of a life role constitutes in each instance a highly personal affair, in which it seems folly for any but the man himself to take part, for in the end the choice must be made by each for himself. Outside advice or hints, the best saws of sages or philosophers, can never, in this weighty business, take the place of our own insight, discretion and will. Yet few solve the problem of a life calling wholly without counsel. Consciously or otherwise we are, in our decision, helped by what we know of others' decisions. Certain favored spirits are never under the necessity of choosing their path in life. Most geniuses are such. And many a man neither a genius nor an artist is so obviously fitted for some particular occupation that he need never worry nor even deliberate over the question in what field he shall earn his bread. A man may be far from sure what business he ought to adopt, yet really have a pronounced aptitude in some special direction. In such a case the proper precept is: Follow your bent. Highly versatile people, mentally alert, interested in all the departments of science and of fact, and having considerable but nearly equal powers in various ways, are in much danger of vacillation between two or more forms of endeavor, dawdling a while over each till all their richness of faculty is spent and success impossible. Your dull fellow, lacking all special mental interest and without any sense of function or of power, may quite possibly turn out much better than they. If, somehow, he once gets launched in a given enterprise, being single-minded and free from distraction, he is likely to develop triumphant concentration of attention and energy. But how is he to make the start? Per-

haps arbitrarily, by a sort of flop, lunging for the first opportunity to work. Better, however, go by friends' advice. Still more important is the judgment of acquaintances when a candidate inclines to a profession through some whim and not from any kind of rational consideration. A pious lad may fancy that he is called to holy orders, when the church or bishop knows better. Although, in exceptional cases, by dint of hard work and forced application, a man may succeed in a work when either fancy or misconceived duty has called him, it is true, notwithstanding, that a man can rarely with safety give himself to a course of life unless his fitness therefor rests upon specific qualities and powers of his own so obvious that his intimates easily recognize them.

"Parents, not infrequently make the mistake of either forcing their children into occupations for which they have no talent, or, of bringing them up imbued with the idea that they are to be this or that, however incapacitated the subject may be for the chosen occupation. Parents can commit no greater indiscretion than this, nor can a child be subjected to a deeper unkindness. Among the bitterest disillusionments which the writer has ever witnessed were those of young men who, trained all through the ardor of boyhood to suppose as a matter of both filial and religious duty that they were to become ministers, yet, possessing no taste or aptitude for that, at last, broken hearted, saw their error, heroically renounced ministerial study and struck into other paths. So painful a rupture of family and personal expectations requires immense courage. If there are some who deem themselves suited to a calling when they are not, a much larger number foolishly dread suggested callings out of a belief that they could not succeed in them. The majority of men have greater versatility than they imagine. Within pretty large limits any fairly bright candidate can succeed reasonably well in any occupation to which he gives himself with sufficient preparation and energy. It cannot be too often or vehemently urged that in these days of desperate competition any man, a genius even, however perfectly adopted to his branch of activity, will fail unless he starts with a good outfit and then works hard, early and late. In this day of specialization there is a place for every man, and nature has given him a talent, if not for every feature of some calling, at least for some particular branch of it. It is his business to find out what that branch is. The summary of Mr. Andrews' advice is that we should discover by the best and earliest means possible for what nature has fitted us and having discovered this, "Follow our bent," applying to it all the energies of an educated body and all the faculties of a well prepared mind, "never leaving to genius

what may be accomplished by labor." He takes a sweeping survey of the various professions, paying a high tribute to the different branches of engineering and including among the honorable professions mentioned that of politics. He has well prepared the way for the articles to follow, and any young man, even though "he has made his calling and election sure" may read them with profit.

The Conversation Club.

Despite the extreme cold Tuesday evening the comfortable parlors of Dr. Brown's residence were filled to overflowing with a large crowd of Auburn's most cultured people who listened with closest attention to Prof. Thach's ably prepared paper on George Eliot with special reference to Romola. Prof. Thach handled his subject in his usual masterly way and his hearers were deeply interested from start to finish. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening at the residence of Prof. B. B. Ross.

Dr. Rush leading on "Quo Vadis and other religious novels."

The Minstrel.

The Cadet Minstrel will give their first performance next Friday night. The minstrel is made up of the best material in college, under the management of Mr. J. Buford Hobdy, this alone is a sufficient guarantee that the performance will be up to date.

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Politics at the University of Georgia.

In an Atlanta Constitution of recent date, we notice an account of a disturbance in Athletic circles at the University. A personal encounter between Tichenor, formerly of Auburn, and Captain Moore, of the baseball team, was barely averted. The affair seems to have been brought on by the election of some of the Athletic officers, into which college politics was brought into play. There is a strong sentiment at the University to eliminate such feelings from elections, choosing best men for all places whatsoever, regardless of fraternity or class. We sincerely wish them success in accomplishing this, as we experienced difficulties of the same sort in '96. We found at that time how such occurrences retard progress in all things requiring the united efforts of students, and we now enjoy harmony in all our executive bodies.

Sons of Veterans Meeting.

On Saturday night, Feb. 5, a meeting of the Sons of Veterans was held for the purpose of transacting some important business.

At the suggestion of Prof. Thach the Camp agreed to appropriate the sum of \$11.00 towards caring for the graves of the Confederate

dead at Madison, Wisconsin.

Messrs. Patrick and Gray were appointed to complete the roll of membership, and to assist applicants who have not yet succeeded in having blanks filled out, also to collect dues yet unpaid, in order to be represented at the convention.

A meeting will be held sometime soon for the purpose of electing delegates to the convention which is to be held in Atlanta July 20-23.

Competitive Drill.

In addition to the usual athletic exercises on Field Day, Colonel Hollis has offered a prize to the company which puts up the best drill on that day. Each entire company to participate and the prize to be expended on the winners in such manner as they may elect. The colonel also offers a gold medal for the best individual drill. Everyone stands an equal chance for this as new and old men were in the green squad together in the new manual. Each man should put forth his best endeavors for himself and for his company, and by the first of May we will once again have the best drilled battalion in Alabama.

Prof. Mell's Lecture.

Friday night, in the chapel, Prof. Mell lectured to a large and appreciative audience, on the interesting subject of Klondike.

To cool the ardor of all would be acquirers of sudden wealth; he showed many views of the frozen wastes and snow-clad heights which separate the land of gold from the civilized world. The lecture was interesting and instructive and all left with a better idea of this far-off land and its many perils.

A Dove Shoot.

Last Saturday a party, composed of Col. Hollis, Professors McKissick and Hare, Geo. Wrigley, Ed Joseph, Jno. Paden and "Huck" Fenn went on a dove shoot down below "Poka."

They report a pleasant time, and claim that the party killed 250 doves.

If this crowd goes many more times, we are afraid that the dove like the buffalo, will be a thing of the past.

New Marriage Ceremony.

A Western newspaper prints the following marriage ceremony: "Wilt thou take her for thy pard, for better or for worse, to have, to hold, to fondly guard, till hauled off in a hearse? Wilt thou let her have her way, consult her many wishes, make the fire up every day and help her wash the dishes? Wilt thou give her all the 'stuff' her little purse will pack, buy a boa and muff; a little seal skin sacque? Wilt thou comfort and support her father and her mother, Aunt Jemima, Uncle John, three sisters and a brother?" And his face grew pale and blank; it was too late to jilt; as through the chapel floor he sank, he sadly said, "I wilt"—and he wilted.—Ex.

Baseball.

Owing to the fact that the Sophomore class have an examination on the evening of Saturday March —, they will be unable to play the Freshman team on that day. This necessitates a change in the program.

The Sophomore team will play the Seniors on the evening of February 22nd, while the Juniors play the Freshmen on the following Saturday.

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"King" Bailey has been engaged to coach the team. He will be here just after term examinations, to teach the boys a thing or two.

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There seems to be a good lot of baseball material in college this year, and if everybody will put a shoulder to the wheel, and help the manager and captain in their efforts we will have a good team. One that will make somebody hustle for the championship.

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The "Varsity" will use navy blue uniforms, with orange lettering, this year.

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Some new men seem to think that because a man has been here several years, he is entitled to a place on the team. This is a mistake, no one is on the team yet, and you stand as much show for it as anybody.

Go out and play hard in the class games, and you will be in good practice to try for the varsity.

Stag Dance.

Owing to the disorder which at times has occurred further Stag dances at Thomas Hall have been forbidden by the President. In order that all of the new men who wish to learn to dance by commencement and help to make the Hop of '98 as pleasant and enjoyable an occasion as it has been in past years, it is wished by the Senior class to secure the gymnasium or Langdon Hall for the purpose of having stag dances every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from four to six. If this arrangement is made the boys will have to promise to keep the best of order and not to spit tobacco juice on the floors, mark the walls, or cut the benches. A heavy penalty will be imposed on any one guilty of any of the above. If all of you agree to the above and faithfully carry out the agreement there is no reason why we should not secure either place.

Cadet M— (standing examination on "Julius Caesar"):—"Lend me a book to write on, Doctor?"

Doctor R— hands a large book to him.

"No," said Cadet M—, "let me have one of those copies of 'Julius Caesar.'"

Dr. R—: "Oh, no! that's too small to write on."

Cadet F—: "Well, Doctor, if it's too small to write on, isn't it too small to stand on?"

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At last it seems that something is to be done about publishing the Glomerata. The editors claim that some time this month or next they are to have a meeting to elect an editor-in-chief, who will be expected to do the rest. If, as usual, two or three men are to do all the work, the sooner they go about it the better.

In a number of colleges and universities in the country, the senior class is adopting the English fashion of wearing the "cap and gown," in order to distinguish themselves from the more common and insignificant lower class men. Doubtless they have a good reason for thus adopting the academic costume, but we fail to see wherein the good lies. Surely it must be very inconvenient at most times, and it is not particularly becoming to the average student. In this col-

lege for reasons very evident, all students subject to military duty would find this costume entirely impossible. But, boys, not to be behind the others, something should be done, and we see no way except for company "K" to join the gowned seekers after knowledge. Their dignity, their devotion to study fit them pre-eminently for the wearing of academic costume, and theirs it must be, to be thus distinguished.

ISLAND NUMBER TEN,

A PATHETIC STORY GROWING OUT OF ITS SEIGE AND CAPTURE.

A Confederate Cemetery in Wisconsin of Alabama Soldiers—A Noble Southern Woman—A Monument to be Erected There.

It is not generally known that at Madison, Wisconsin, is to be found a burial ground of Confederate dead. In a corner of Forest Hill Cemetery, in the suburbs of that city, lie buried one hundred and thirty-nine Confederate soldiers who were interred there during the spring of 1862. It is believed that this little cemetery is situated further north than that of any of the southern soldiers who lie buried in the northern states. An interesting and pathetic story is related of these victims of the greatest civil conflict of modern times. Strangely enough of the one hundred and thirty-nine graves, one hundred and ten of them belong to one regiment—the First Alabama. How is it that these men, almost all of them belonging to one Confederate regiment, should have remained to sleep their last sleep under the snows of the bleak winters of Wisconsin? Here is the story:

What survivor of the days of 1861-65 is it who does not remember Island Number Ten, its seige and its capture? A small island, one of many, in the Mississippi river, situated near New Madrid, Missouri, it had been seized and fortified by the Confederates, and so long as held by them it was the key to the situation in the western campaign of 1861-2. In the 5th volume of the Rebellion Records, Series 1, the strength of the Union forces operating against the island, seven days before its capture, is officially stated at 18,547 officers and men preset for duty. In the same volume, page 795, the official return of the Confederate force upon the island, present for duty, is placed at 2,385 men on the 21st of March, which was seventeen days before its capture. When it was seen that the island must inevitably be taken, steps were begun to evacuate it, and on the night of the 6th of April, during a heavy rain storm, all but a few hundred of the men succeeded, after spiking most of the guns, in getting off in boats and rafts, and made their way to the Confederate lines. The dispatch of Admiral Foote to Secretary Stanton, dated April 8th, announcing the capture on the previous day of Island Number Ten, places the number captured at "71 officers and 368 privates, besides 100 of them sick." Of these five hundred men, nearly all were of the First Alabama Regiment; one hundred and fifty only of that regiment having succeeded in getting

off the island, the others remaining until day-dawn rendered it too late. The First Alabama was commanded by Colonel Isaiah G. W. Steedman. That he was a gallant officer, and his men among the very flower of their native State, the official reports alluded to clearly show. The regiment was probably the first regiment formed in the State at the breaking out of the war. It is well known that in every State, north or south, the men of these first regiments—the men who shouldered their guns at the first drum-roll, were always among the best soldiers of either army. After the surrender of this little garrison to a force forty times its superior in numbers, they, with a number of other Confederate prisoners, were sent north. A part were sent to Camp Douglass, near Chicago. Those taken at Island No. 10, nearly all of the First Alabama, were sent to Camp Randall near Madison, Wisconsin. They remained there, however, but about three months, when they were sent elsewhere, and it is believed were shortly afterwards exchanged. During this period of imprisonment, 139 of these men died, 110 being of the First Alabama. Their deaths were undoubtedly the result of the suffering and constant exposure they had undergone in their heroic defence of Island Number Ten, which during the seige was constantly flooded in consequence of freshets of the Mississippi river, the men being often compelled, while manning the guns of the batteries, to stand for hours knee-deep in the chilly waters of the river, for the seige was during the month of March. As they died, most of them during the month of May, and sometimes at the rate of ten a day, they were laid side by side in a plot of ground on the edge of Forest Hill Cemetery, and that spot soon became known to the people of Madison, Wisconsin, as "Confederate Rest." And rest it was indeed, to these poor fellows, who, succumbing to the hardships of war, laid them down in their last sleep, martyrs to the cause they loved. For nearly five years after the war the site of these graves was almost forgotten. Among strangers who could not be expected to sympathize with the sentiments which had imbued these boys in gray and led them to offer their lives to the cause they had espoused, it would perhaps, in time, have become completely obliterated but for the fact that there came to live at Madison, Wisconsin, a widowed, southern-born woman—Mrs. Alice W. Waterman of Louisiana. She learned of this lonely little corner in Forest Hill Cemetery and expended of her means to beautify it. How she did it was told some years ago by the Wisconsin State Journal:

"The knowledge of the fact that many of her countrymen lay neglected and almost forgotten among strangers at the north, far removed from the homes of their youth and the the loving care of those to whom they were near and dear, touched a tender spot in the heart of the lady, and she resolved to do what lay in her power to beautify the resting place of the strangers. She heaped up neat mounds over each grave, planted trees in the plat and an evergreen hedge

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along the east and south sides, cleared away the weeds, trimmed the grass, and had a rude board fence, which has since been removed, constructed around the plat. Then she secured head boards, had them appropriately inscribed with the names of the dead, their company and regiment, as well as the date of death.

"Her work was commenced during the time Gen. Lucius Fairchild was governor, and that gentleman displayed the charity of a true soldier for a fallen enemy, by doing various little acts of kindness tending to aid Mrs. Waterman in the work which her sympathetic nature inspired. Governor Washburn, who succeeded Governor Fairchild, went a step further than his predecessor in office, for upon a Memorial day, when he was the State's Chief Executive, he led a party of old Union soldiers into Confeder-

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Mr. C. W. Collins joined the Alpha Tau Omega's last week.

Mr. A. H. Clark has resigned his position as editor-in-chief of the Blomera. The vacancy will be filled right away, and work will commence in earnest on our annual.

Why does Corporal Key sleep with a cake knife under his pillow?

A cadet (looking for a "boot")—I wonder why those bad boys tore the stiles up?

Dr. Petrie—Oh, they thought that the st(y)les ought to be changed.

Prof. J. Buford Hobdy had a bad fall from his bicycle last Saturday night, but fortunately he was not seriously hurt.

Minstrels Friday night February 11th at Thomas Hall.

You can't afford to miss the fun Friday night. Be sure to bring your best girl. Reserved seats 50 cents.

The end men in the cadet minstrels are "corkers," and they are in possession of jokes you didn't think were out on you. Come out and enjoy the fun at your own expense.

Cadet minstrels, Thomas' Hall Friday night February 11th. Admission 35 cents, reserved seats 50 cents.

Joseph—Why is it Mardi Gras comes in February this year?

Student (with a knowing look)—Why, it is because Ash Tuesday comes on February 21st.

Capt. McIntyre with a bottle of grape sugar in his hand was hunting all over the chemical laboratory for some glucose.

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The following fragment of a letter was found on the campus the other day. It is evident that some fellow had started a letter to his girl but did not get through before his vocabulary was exhausted. It began thus:

My Dear —: Erato could not strike a note upon Mercury's lyre that would sound sweeter to me than your name. You are as beautiful as Juno's bird, as sweet as Venus' flower, and dearer to me than the olive to Minerva.

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I printed a large edition."—Ex.

Life is no idle dream, but a solemn reality, based on and encompassed by eternity. "Find out your work and stick to it; the night cometh when no man can work."—Carlyle.

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ate Rest, and with his own hands strewed floral offerings upon the graves of the boys in gray. This custom has been generally followed since it was established. Governor Washburn was the first Chief Executive in any of the Northern States to exhibit such charity, but his conduct has since been very generally emulated where Union and Confederate soldiers lie buried together. Hon. B. J. Stevens, while acting as mayor of Madison last year, showed great kindness to Mrs. Waterman, and offered to assist her in any manner he was able, while the cemetery commissioners—General C. P. Chapmen, Deming Fitch and Darwin Clark—have of late years been very thoughtful in their attentions.

"Mrs. Waterman has an affectionate way of referring to the Confederates, whose graves she guards so tenderly, as "My boys." She says she planted the hedges around the plat to "keep the cold wind off my boys," and it affords her pleasure to know that when the sun rises in the morning, it shines warmly in the faces of "my boys." She planted white lilac amid the graves, because they will blossom even if she is "not there to watch them," and her object in setting out two butternut trees was, as she puts it, so "that the children will go there to gather the nuts, and thus make the place more pleasant by their presence."

As the years passed the fence and headboards showed signs of falling into decay. Then she caused the fence to be removed and in its stead a stone coping, one foot high and 344 feet long, was placed about the enclosure. New hardwood slabs, two feet by three feet, were put at the head of each grave, upon which were inscribed the name of each soldier, his company, regiment and date of death. Of these "Boys in Gray" who thus died far from home and among strangers, only five sleep in unnamed graves.

On the 13th of September last Mrs. Waterman died, mourned by the whole community in which she had moved for nearly thirty years. Her pallbearers were among the most prominent citizens of her adopted home, and her funeral services were attended by a large concourse of people. Her last wish was that she should be buried in "Confederate Rest," among "my boys," as she always spoke of them.

Closely adjoining this cemetery of dead Confederates lies a cemetery of Federal dead, and for many years it has been the custom of the people of Madison on Decoration day to hold memorial exercises in the open space between these two burial spots, and at their conclusion to decorate the graves of Federal and Confederate dead alike.

It was the ambition of Mrs. Waterman for over twenty-five years of her life to some day see a monument of granite erected in the midst of these graves whereon should be carved the names of these dead soldiers of the South, but her efforts were futile. She, herself, by the vicissitudes of fortune, had lost her entire means, and the people of her native land were poor and struggling under adverse cir-

cumstances to recuperate their broken fortunes, so the monument was never erected. But now that she is dead, a movement is on foot to erect a monument with the names upon its face, not only of these boys who died so far away from their own south-land, but the name also of Alice Waterman, the care-taker of their graves for so many years, and who now sleeps among them. The Confederate Veterans Association of Washington, D. C., has taken the matter in hand, and those who desire may send their contributions to George H. Ingraham, Financial Secretary Confederate Veterans Association, 431 11th Street northwest, Washington, D. C.

Alabama Troops at Island No. Ten.

There were three regiments of infantry surrendered at Island No. 10,—one from Arkansas, Col. Gent, commanding; the 1st Alabama, Col. Shadman; and the 30th Tennessee, Col. Alpheus Baker of Eufaula, Ala., commanding. I do not think the 40th Tennessee was there. Baker had two companies from Mississippi, four from Tennessee, and four from Alabama. His Alabama captains were, Laird, of Henry county, Griffin and Morse of Choctaw, and Rush, of Macon.

The 1st Alabama Regiment were all Alabama companies. One of these was commanded by Capt. Slayton and afterwards by Capt. Knowles. (Slayton became Judge of Probate of Macon county). This company was composed of men, I think from the north and east of Auburn. My company was made up mostly of Macon county men, though quite a number went from Tallapoosa and Coosa.

Of my company all I now know to be living are Rev. Wm. Patillo, Captain John Christian and Mr. B. Withers of Macon, Mr. Sears and Mr. Ingraham of Tallapoosa, and my old servant Nelson, who still sticks to me here in Auburn, faithful unto death. After the surrender the field officers were sent to Eastern prisons. The line officers to Camp Chase, afterwards to Johnston's Island, Ohio; and the men to Camp Douglass, Ill., and Madison, Wis.

It has been so long ago, that I have forgotten the names and the fate of many of the brave boys, but have no doubt that some of Capt. Slaton's men and some of my own were sent to Madison, and all reported themselves as belonging to the First Alabama. I am quite confident that Rains, Sharp and two or three others went there. Sharp was thought to be dead until long after the surrender. He had been in the hospital all that time, but finally got well enough to come home.

I will correspond with the surviving men, and if I find that any of the old "Macon Rifles" sleep in "Confederate Rest," will try to mark their graves with nice headstones.

A truer, braver company of patriots never suffered for their country. They deserve immortal honor.

J. W. RUSH.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

We had a very pleasant visit from one of our International College Secretaries, Mr. W. K. Matthews, last week. He was here in the interest of the Cleve-

land convention.

Upon an invitation of the devotional committee, Prof. Smith conducted last Sunday's meeting. We had a fine meeting. It was good to be there.

The International Students' Convention meets in Cleveland, Ohio, February 23-27. This will be one of the largest and most important student conventions ever held in America. There will be representatives there from over three hundred American colleges. We hope to have at least one delegate there.

Our State Convention will meet in Montgomery about the 20th of March. Auburn must have her quota of delegates on hand for this.

tions ever held in Alabama. Auburn is in the front rank of the colleges in this section along the lines of Christian work among its students as well as in athletics. We should not forget this fact when we are feeling proud of our institution.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

There are 18,000,000 students attending educational institutions in the United States.

College discipline at Rutgers is left to a student committee. The president of the college votes in case of a tie.

Three-fourths of the colleges founded in the last twenty years are south of Mason and Dixon's line.

At Lehigh the upper classmen who serve on the college papers are excused from writing essays in the English language.

Cambridge and Oxford have refused degrees to women. Thirty Oxford students have taken oath not to take degrees at commencement if women are also permitted to do so.

THE POET'S SOLOQUY.

You can purchase pen and paper,
You can dabble in the ink;
You can be a poet, if you wish,
But you cannot make it drink.
—Tenn. Univ. Mag.

The new photograph of the heavens, which is being prepared by London, Berlin and Parisian astronomers, shows 68,000,000 stars.—Ex.

Pres. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, has summed up in the following manner the object of a college education:

1. Concentration, or the ability to hold the mind exclusively and persistently on one subject.
2. Distribution, or power to arrange or classify known facts.
3. Retention, or power to hold facts.
4. Expression, or power to test what you know.
5. Power of judgment or making sharp discrimination between that which is false, that which is temporal, and that which is essential.

Dartmouth college has the distinction of having issued the first college paper in the United States, and the greater honor is having Daniel Webster as editor-in-chief.—Ex.

Every state in the Union and fourteen countries are represented at Harvard.—Ex.

Some of Our Southern College Annals.

- Washington-Lee—"Calyx."
- Virginia Military Institute—"Bomb."
- University of Mississippi—"Ole Miss."
- University of Georgia—"Pandora."
- Emory College—"Zodiac."
- Mercer University—"Kaneitoscope"
- University of Virginia—"Corks and Curls."
- Alabama Polytechnic Institute—"Glomerata."
- University of Texas—"Cactus."
- Vanderbilt University—"Comet."
- Tulane University—"Jambalaya."
- Sewanee—"Cap and Gown."
- University of Alabama—"Corolla."
- Kentucky University—"Cecropean"
- Johns Hopkins—"Hullabaloo."
- University of Arkansas—"Cardinal."

The Soliloquy of Mary Jane.

I have danced and skipped in wanton glee in the days of my early calhhood o'er bright meadows sparkling with dew-drops and daisies, the rippling of the purling brook came to my ears sweeter than the softest strains that Orpheus e'er drew from his enchanted lyre. I have stood with brothers and sisters whose gentle eyes told of their descent from the sacred bull of the Egyptians, and we knew no care. The sent of new-mown hay regaled my nostrils, and the sighing of the zephyrs through the maze came as a soft refrain to the chorus of orioles and sparrows as they sang their love songs while mating in the trees. Then the yoke had

not pressed the sturdy shoulder of my sire, nor had the grim hand of death taken from me my dam. O that I had died in the days of my frisking ere age and poverty had made me lean! Had I but served the dairy as faithfully as I have sought my pleasure, I would not now be treading the path where so many have gone before. Full twenty summers have come and fled each adding its wrinkle to my horn. Ah, what glorious days were they, when to the tinkle of the cow bells we marched through fragrant grasses to the cane-brake o'er the lea! Now must I chew the cud of discontent, my poverty-whetted ribs do almost pierce my scanty covering. Those who knew me in the days of my beauty have long since passed away, and these weak limbs do but bear me to my doom. Ah, well, 'tis hardly cheating nature of her due, for the biting frosts of winter would soon have laid me low. 'Tis well, I go ere I outlive my usefulness—taking up the footsteps of my predecessors I go to pay my debt to mankind.

[Note—The sounds of reville had scarcely died away next morning ere the thump-bum-thump of the steak-knife "told the knell of parting Mary." She had indeed paid her debt to mankind! She, in her old age, was sacrificed that the Auburn boys might have steak.]

Devious Definitions.

- SA—"AS," in a looking glass.
- Dude—Another name for a tailor's goose.
- Diary—A continued story that ends before it's finished.
- Hyphen—The one plausible excuse for breaking your word.
- Nothing—A thing that isn't a thing, because it's no-thing.
- Dollars—Stamped coins made to represent financial circles.
- Bachelor—A bird of freedom, that some of the caged ones envy.
- Drill—A bore—especially to the officer who trains raw recruits.
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